



# Saxon Wood School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the hot weather. It certainly makes a change from the rainy weather we have recently experienced!

Some of our children are continuing to enjoy their second week back at Saxon Wood. As mentioned previously, they truly are a credit to you.

Our amazing staff have been doing a fantastic job too, despite having to make many changes to keep our school as safe as possible, during these difficult times.

Last week I sent out questionnaires to the parents of those children who are not attending school at present. Thank you for returning those to the school office. Staff will be in touch with you shortly if you have indicated you would like your child to return. However, I do need to outline that if your child has a shielding letter or requires suctioning they will not be able to return to school.

With regards to the children who are shielding, we would need written confirmation from your consultant to state whether or not children can return to school.

I am now in discussion with staff about how we cater for more children joining us on the provisional date of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The good news is that we should still be able to offer the same amount of days' provision as is currently being offered. The school will continue to open at 9:30am, with a 2:15pm finish, and will continue to close on Fridays.

## **Staffing**

While we are doing our best to keep the school running as smoothly as possible in these times, I would ask you to bear in mind that we are currently without 12 of our normal staff in school. As a last resort, if we find that we are short staffed within bubbles, and to minimise the risk of cross contamination, we will have no choice but to disband bubbles and ask that the children of those stay at home, until the bubble has enough staff. We do hope that it will not come to this.

### **Sun cream**

As mentioned in last week's letter, a reminder about sun cream.

If your child would normally wear sun cream, can I ask if you could put this on them before they leave for school. Also, if you wish to provide your child with a sun hat, please do so, with their name inside. We are trying to make use of our lovely outdoor areas, to prevent children being in their enclosed Bubble all day.

### **Weekly catch up calls**

Weekly calls will continue to parents who do not have children at school and for those who indicated they would still like a quick catch up call on Fridays

### **Inset day**

School will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July for an inset day. This day will be used as a training day for staff.

### **Thank you**

Another huge thank you to everyone in our school community for enabling us to keep school running as smoothly as possible.

Children and staff have been extremely adaptable to working in their 'Bubbles'.

Parents have been very patient and flexible, working with us during these strange times.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the governors, who may not be seen during the school day at present, but are working behind the scenes, with the school's best interests at heart

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at **[adminoffice@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk)**

Enjoy the sunshine. Take care, keep safe and have a lovely weekend.

With Kindest regards

Jakki Alexander (Headteacher)